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Location: 111 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, Alleghany County, Pennsylvania.

Significance: CAPA's multi-use building in the downtown cultural district combines

traditional and contemporary structures to make a bold architectural

statement.

Description: This six-story school structure includes a historic brick office building and

a new section with a dramatic polychrome and glass façade. Most striking

is the curved glass curtain wall and integrated video screens on the riverfront façade. Inside the school includes laboratories, a 400-seat theater, rehearsal space, shops, conventional classrooms, and studios for

dance, painting, and sculpture.

History: Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts opened in

2003 and was designed by the firm of MacLachlan Cornelius and Filoni,

with project architect Ken Lee.

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Project

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